

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Transportation Appropriations bill, Conference Report on Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, and Conference Report on District of Columbia Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10963–S11071

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1593–1601. Page S11053

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1214, to ensure the liberties of the people by promoting federalism, to protect the reserved powers of the States, to impose accountability for Federal preemption of State and local laws, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–159)

Report to accompany S. 1389, to provide additional trade benefits to certain beneficiary countries in the Caribbean. (S. Rept. No. 106–160)

S. 1596, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106–161)

S. Res. 178, designating the week beginning September 19, 1999, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”. Page S11053

Measures Passed:

Transportation Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 278), Senate passed H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1678, to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Transportation should double the applicable penalties for involuntary denied boardings and allow those passengers that are involuntarily denied boarding the

option of obtaining a prompt cash refund for the full value of their airline ticket. Pages S10964–65

Landrieu (for Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 1679, to express the sense of the Senate that certain funds be made available to monitor and report on the transfer of passenger air transportation tickets among airlines. Pages S10968–71

Shelby (for Reid) Amendment No. 1673, to provide for the transfer of funds to the State of California for use on High Priority Project No. 829, Widen I–15 in San Bernardino County. Page S10971

Shelby (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1667, to provide that the cost sharing provisions of Section 5001(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century shall not apply. Page S10971

Shelby (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1666, to express the Sense of the Senate regarding the need for reimbursement to the Village of Bourbonnais and Kankakee County, Illinois, for crash rescue and cleanup incurred in relation to the March 15, 1999, Amtrak train accident. Page S10971

Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 1680, to make certain improvements to the bill. Page S10972

Senate insisted on its amendment (all previously agreed to amendments to the bill are being considered second degree amendments to Amendment No. 1624, adopted on September 14, 1999), requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Domenici, Specter, Bond, Gorton, Bennett, Campbell, Stevens, Lautenberg, Byrd, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, and Inouye. Page S10981

National Home Education Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 183, designating the week beginning on September 19, 1999, and ending on September 25, 1999, as National Home Education Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S11048

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 178, designating the week beginning September 19, 1999, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

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Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 158, designating October 21, 1999, as a "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Family Friendly Programming: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 56, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of "family friendly" programming on television, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Bankruptcy Reform: Senate began consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rules XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 21, 1999.

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Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations—Conference Report: By 54 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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District of Columbia Appropriations—Conference Report: By 52 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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National Defense Authorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

1977 Amendment to Montreal Protocol (Treaty Doc. No. 106–10).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule 22 it be in order for the Majority Leader to file a cloture motion on the nomination of Brian Theadore Stewart, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, at 5:30 on Tuesday, September 21, 1999, and if that motion is filed that vote occur on Tuesday, immediately following the cloture vote at 5:30 p.m.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file reported items during the adjournment of the Senate on Friday, September 17, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Cyberspace Electronic Security Act of 1999" (CESA); to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–57).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kathleen McCree Lewis, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Enrique Moreno, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—279)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:25 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, September 17, 1999, for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11069.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1596), making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the Administration's Pacific Northwest Forest Plan, after receiving testimony from James Furnish, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

FOREIGN MISSILE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on foreign missile developments and the ballistic missile threat to the United States through 2015, after receiving testimony from Bob Walpole, National Intelligence Officer for Strategic and Nuclear Programs, Central Intelligence Agency.

SECURITIES DAY TRADING INDUSTRY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings on the practices and operations of the securities day trading industry, focusing on the similar characteristics to gambling, advertising practices, and the impact on the stability of the markets, receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mary L. Schapiro, NASD Regulation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Peter C. Hildreth, New Hampshire Bureau of Securities, Concord, and David Shellenberger, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Securities Division, Boston, both on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association; and Saul S. Cohen, Electronic Traders Association, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Serv-

ices concluded hearings on the annual report of the Postmaster General, after receiving testimony from William J. Henderson, Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 178, designating the week beginning September 19, 1999, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS REORGANIZATION PLAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded oversight hearings on activities of the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs and to examine a proposed reorganization plan, after receiving testimony from Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University; H. John Heinz, III, School of Public Policy and Management, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Gene R. Voegtlin, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alexandria, Virginia; and Donna F. Edwards, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, D.C.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health held hearings to examine issues relating to children's health, focusing on autism, asthma, and traumatic brain injury, receiving testimony from Senators Gorton, Bond, and Durbin; Nicole Lurie, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Anthony Edwards, Cure Autism Now, Los Angeles, California; Geraldine Dawson, University of Washington, Seattle; Laura Lloyd, Autism Society of Middle Tennessee, and Dennis C. Stokes, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, on behalf of the American Lung Association, both of Nashville, Tennessee; John C. Carl, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and Robert Jackson, both of Cleveland, Ohio; Carlos Camargo, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; Allan I. Bergman, Brain Injury Association, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Augusta W. Cash, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation, Birmingham, on behalf of the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators; and Sue Mallonee, Oklahoma Department of Health, Oklahoma City.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, September 22.